ANS Correspondence

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[Medallist + Sculptor,
Helsingfors, Finland]

1924-1932

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Qvist, Miss Gerda

May 20th, 1924

Miss Gerda Qvist
Kronsbergagatan 5
Helsingfors, Finland

Dear Miss Qvist:

I am enclosing, herewith, a draft to your order in payment for the bronze medal of Sibelius which I have purchased for presentation to the permanent collection of our Society.

May I avail myself of this opportunity to express the pleasure I had in having this medal for our permanent Museum collection.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Encs.

July 3, 1925

Miss Gerda Qvist
Kronbergegaten 5
Helsingfors, Finland

Dear Miss Qvist:

I am herewith sending you a check for 1080 marks for three medals that our Society has purchased. You will note which three these are from the bill which please receipt and return to the Central Union Trust Company.

Mr. Langdon has the other medals that have not been sold.

We beg to thank you very much for the interest you have shown both in our Society and for our Exhibition and we trust that you will profit thereby.

Very truly yours

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HNC.

Curator

January 27th 1930

Miss Gerda Quist
Kronbergegaten S
Helsingfors, Finland

Dear Madam:

In 1924, when the International Exhibition of Contemporary Medals was held at our Society, we were unable at that time to purchase a number of the pieces exhbited, which we should very much have liked to have had for our collection. Among these was your medal of "Waldemar Ruin", which was valued at three hundred Finnish Marks. May I ask if a copy is still available, and if so, will you kindly send it, with your bill, by insured parcel post, addressed to:

The Museum of The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets
New York, New York

Please mark the package:

MAY BE OPENED FOR CUSTOM INSPECTION

I should also be glad to learn of any medals which have been executed by you since 1924. If reproductions of them are available, it would greatly help if you could send them along. In all cases, I wish to know whether the medals are available for purchase, and at what price.

With assurance of my cordial esteem, I beg to subscribe myself,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Helsingfors
17. II.
1930.

Dear Sir!

I beg to thank you most sincerely for your kind letter and the interest shown in my work. Since 1924, the year of the exhibition I have executed a great number of medals, plaquets, sporting-prices etc; many of which unfortunately are not for sale. According to your wish I am now going to mention all those that are still available for purchase and that might be of interest to you. I am enclosing a number of photographs so as to give you an idea of them.

One of the last remaining copies of the W. Ruin-medal will today be sent by insured parcel post to the address of the museum.

Two medals executed by me Z representing A. W. Ehrdenius & K. Grotenfelt [to bode, stamped] were last summer sent by Mr. Boström to Mr. Langdon. I hope

they have reached him safely?

Roald Amundsen. [Plaquet. Revers. Diameter: 12 cm.]
The well-known Norwegian; North-Pole explorer.
Price: Bronze: 300:- Finnish Mark.
" Silver: 900:- " [1 ex. for sale]
Photo of the gypsum; is just being cast!

G. A. Helsingius. Medal, divers & Revers. Cast.
Diameter: 10 cm.
Engineer and author.
Price: Bronce: 300: F.mk.

Eero Järnefelt: Professor. Well-known finnish painter.
Medal. divers & Revers. Cast.
Diameter: 7 cm.
Bronce: Price: 275:- Fmk.

J. M. Tollander. Merchant in Helsingfors. *1811 + 1870
Medal. divers & Revers. Diam: 9 cm.
Price: 300:- F:- mk in Bronce

One-sided plaquet, ordered by the Finnish Sculptors-Union for the 60 years-day of W. Ehalmberg, one of its members.

Bronce. Price 275:- Fmk
Cast.

Dy. Landelin. Engineer. Divers. Portrait-plaquet
cast. Price: Bronce: 300:-
Dimater: 10½ cm.

Morever I have for sale a couple of copies in silver of the medals representing the women-gymnasts Elli Björksten & E. Kallio. But if I remember rightly Mr. Langdon has already acquised these last-mentioned medals in bronce, if for the Museum or not, I do not know.

Thes are silver. Stamped. Price 150:-Fmk.
Diam: 6 cm.

Once more thanking you for the interest you show in my work & asking you kindly to remember me to Mr. Langdon!

I remain yours very sincerely
Gerda Qvist.

Finland - Helsingfors. Kronbergsg. 5.

Wald. Rein. - Rector Universitatis in Helsingfors.

Price 300:- Fmk + postage: 5:- Fmk.

March 10th 1930

Miss Gerda Quist
Helsingfors, Finland

Dear Miss Quist:

Your letter of February 17th is at hand and we have been greatly interested in the photographs which you sent us, as well as pleased with the medal of Ruin, which has also reached our hands. We are going to ask you to send us four of those of which you sent photographs, as follows:

Roald Amundsen	bronze	300	Finnish Mark
J. M. Tollander	"	300	" "
G.A. Helsingius	"	300	" "
Victor Malmberg	"	275	" "

We should be particularly glad to have these with as little delay as possible. Please be careful to send them addressed to:

The Museum of the American Numismatic Society
156th Street & Broadway
New York, New York, U.S. A.

and mark them,- MAY BE OPENED FOR CUSTOMS INSPECTION.

It might be a simplification if you would send them in separate packages,-we shall be glad to pay the additional postage which this involves.

May I hold your bill for the medal we have just received until we receive the invoice for the four which are to follow, so that we can make one payment for the five medals?

May I add that we consider your work with these cast medals as among the most interesting that is being done in the medallic field anywhere. We are purchasing these five through means provided by a

fund for acquiring medals by foreign artists, and it is our purpose to make these acquisitions representative of the best that is to be obtained of the work of the various national sculptors and medallists. Your representation in our collection is already fairly numerous. These five medals will make it even more distinctive.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Helsingfors.
8 e/sept
1930.

The American Numismatic
Society!
New York.

Dear Mr. S. Nor!

Hereby I beg to thank you most sincerely for your kind letter and for ordering the four medals. I am very glad to hear that my work is so well represented in your — as I have heard of friends in New York — extremely well-arranged and enormous museum.

I am to day sending by post "sample" to your address the medal Ag. et Helsingius. The medals of J. M. Tol-lander, + e/Amundsen & the Malmberg-plaquett will be sent direct from Berlin by the caster & you have already received that of W. Ruin. I hope that all these medals

will reach you in good condition.

May I avail myself of the opportunity to give the address of my founder and to recommend the excellent & interesting work that they perform as well as they quickness and precision for the event that any of your sculptors might wish to have his medals cast there. [Herrn C. Schulze. Berlin-Friedrichshagen Seestraße 24. Deutsches Reich.]

Once more thanking you for your kind interest

I am yours very sincerely
Gerda Qvist.
Helsingfors Finland. Kronbergsg. 5.

W. Ruin - 300:- Finnish M
Sundström 300:- "
Tollander 300:- "
Helsingius 300:- "
Malmberg Thag 275

- Mr. Ivan Wedel Jarlsberg Fund

The stamps the parcel from Berlin will most likely indicate the postage costs. The postage costs for the medals sent from here are: 10:- Finn. Mark

G. Q.

May 20th 1930

Miss Gerda Quist
Kronbergsg. 5
Helsingfors, Finland

Dear Madam:

The medals arrived safely and payment in full is being forwarded to you. As we were unable to ascertain the amount of postage on the package from Berlin, we are assuming that fifteen Finnish Marks added to the ten you spent for postage, will amply cover. This rounds out the amount to full fifteen hundred Finnish Marks. We hope this will be satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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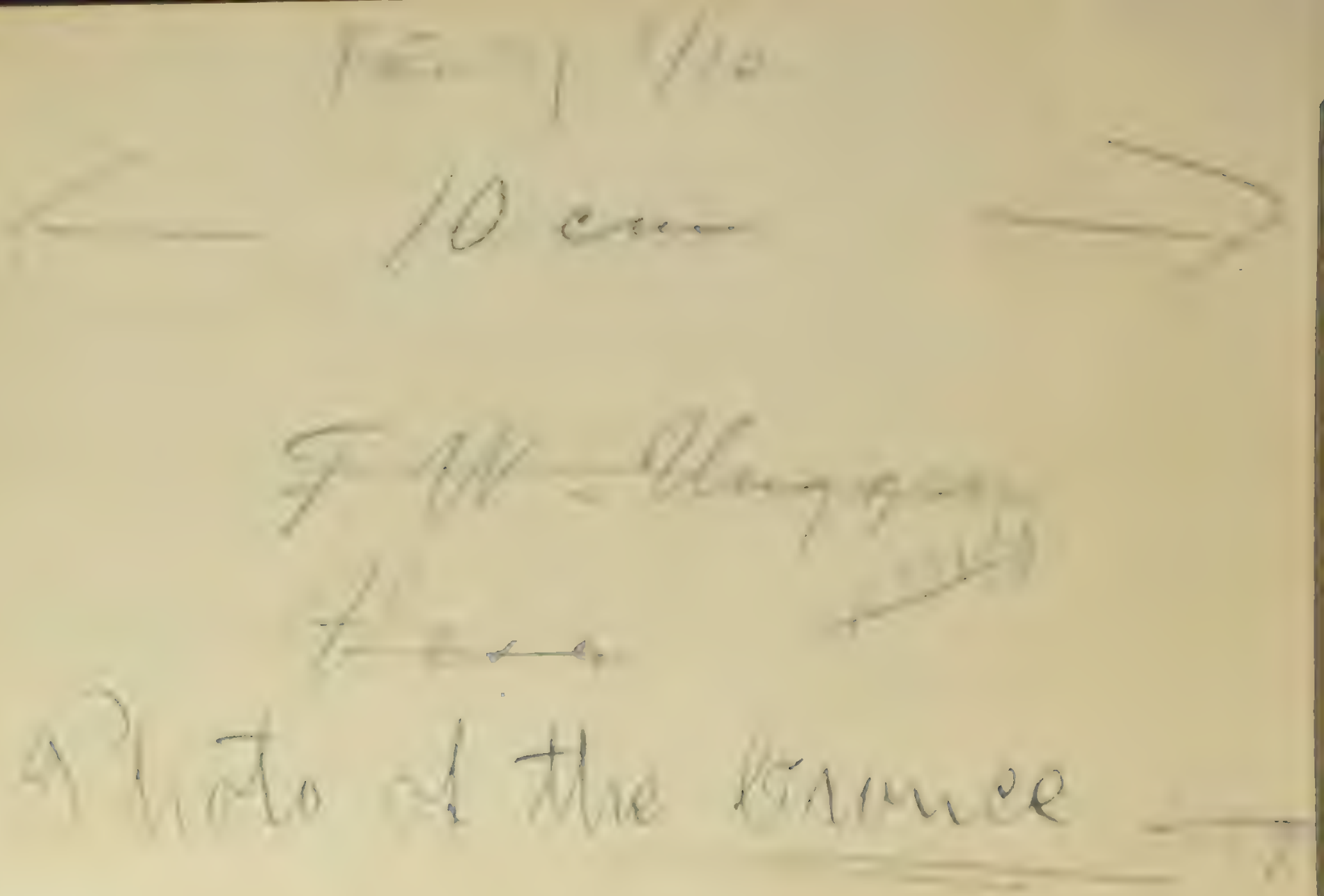
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F.M. Klengel
Photo of the Camera

JUNIOR MEMBERS
1982

JOHAN MAGNUS TOLLANDER · MDCCCXI – MDCCCLXX

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STADSRÅDSLEDAMOT

Mists of the River

Photo of the Opposum

Mr. S. Noe! Amer. Numism. Soc. Secret.

Dear Sir!

As I have not heard from you about the parcel containing the medals of Andersen, & [S. Hedin, sent on approval] sent from here Berlin on Febr. 2nd I beg you very kindly to let me know whether it has arrived safely. Your very truly

Gerda Quist

G. G.

Helsingfors. Finland

Kronbergsg. 5.

17 nov.
1931.

The American Numismatic Society
The Secretary.

Dear Mr!

I hereby beg you very kindly to send me some of your prospects with pictures from the museum of the American numismatic society in Broadway etc. of the same kind as I have received earlier. I should like to have some to show friends interested in numismatics.

As you repeatedly have asked me to let you know whether I have produced any new medals likely to interest you, I will tell you that I among other work[x] have produced a big cast medal representing the well-known Danish story-Teller H. C. Andersen. I have still available some copies of it in bronze; it is much about the same size as that of Edmundsen (no but <u>avers and revers</u>) and the usual price. 500:- Fmk. (Finnish mark) The money-rate is at the present moment: 1 Dollar = 51:- Fmk.

With regards.
Yours very sincerely
Gerda Quist

Finland. Helsingfors. Bromberegsgatan 5.

[x] and the well-known Danish V. H. Rothenus.
Stamped medal. Bronze; price 100:- Fmk. (avers and revers)

December 3, 1931.

Miss Gerda Quist
Kronbergsgatan 5
Finland, Helsingfors.

Dear Miss Quist:

Responding to your welcome note of November 17th, I am sending you herewith several of the folders to which you refer, together with two sheets from the Numismatist which show our enlarged museum. The earlier unit is shown on the back of the folder. You will see that this has been altered so that now we have a building which is one hundred feet in width, in contrast to the one which was forty feet wide previously. The view of the interior shows the very effective assembly room - on the walls you will see the cases in which we have placed medals by American sculptors.

Thank you for calling attention to the coast medal of Hans Christian Andersen you have finished. Will you be so good as to send us a copy of this together with your invoice. I should send you the amount in advance if it were not that our rules require a bill for items purchased. A number of our sculptors have been greatly interested in your work, especially because of its having been cast in the majority of instances, and, I feel sure that you would be greatly pleased if you could have heard their praise of the results you have obtained. With best wishes of my cordial regard, I beg to subscribe myself

Very sincerely yours,

CN:JC

Secretary

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H:fors.
25 jan.
1932.

Dear Sir!

According to my letter of November last the price of the Lindeberg-medal was 350:- Finnish marks, the same as my earlier works. Als, however, our money-value this autumn has catastrophally fallen, while that of Germany [where my medals are cast] has risen, I should feel inclined to raise the price to 450:- Finnish m. It will in any case be less for you to pay in dollars than before. But if you insist upon the price I mentioned in my letter I shall of course not change it. The price of the Sven Hedin plaquette would be: 285:- Finnish marks.

Yr. fo. Lindeberg. Cast medal. obvers & reverse.
*1805- +1875- 450:- Fmk

Sven Hedin. Cast-plaquette. obvers. 285:11
*1865-

Gerda Boisit.
Sculptrice en medailles
Finland. Helsingfors. Nervanderg. 5.

Helsingfors
25 Januar
1932.

Sidney P. Noe Esq!

Dear Sir!

Hereby I by to thank your most sincerely for your kind letter and for ordering the H.C. Andersen-medal. I am very glad to learn that my work is so well represented in your — as I have heard — extremly well arranged & enormous museum. I also wish to thank you for the folders & the sheets from the Numismatist you very kindly sent me & wich I have given to interested persons.

A copy of the Andersen-medal, just finished, will be sent to you straight from my caster in Berlin and I hope that you will be pleased with this acquisement.

Just having finished a plaquette of Sven Hedin — I allow myself to enclose a copy of this, for the case that you might be interested in this Swedish explorer, who has penetrated the deserts of Tibet. In case you do not wish to keep it, it can be returned by letterpost to my address.

As you in your kind letter mentioned that several American sculptors have taken an interest in my cast medals I will avail myself of the occasion to ask you whether you would kindly forward to these medal-sculptors [e.g. to their association or its chairman] the address of my caster in Berlin. I cannot but most warmly praise his excellent work & his absolute accuracy in following my directions in every little detail, his patina-work & his punctuality in the deliveries and even moderateness as to the price. Times are very difficult now in Berlin & I should be very happy if I could get him some customers in New York. I enclose a few cards with the address & recommendations!

Thanking you beforehand to your trouble

I remain with best regards

Yours very sincerely

Gerda Christ.

P.S. As I suppose that you, Mr Noe, yourself possess a collection of medals & perhaps might take an interest in one of my works, I beg you to accept as a present the Tolstoy-medal [enclosed] with many thanks for all the trouble you have taken for my sake and my caster's sake — now.

April 8, 1932.

Miss Gerda Quist
Kronbergagatan 5
Helsingfors, Finland.

Dear Miss Quist:

After considerable delay we have just received the two medals sent us by your Mr. Schulze. Unfortunately he did not know the Custom's regulations and we have had some difficulty in obtaining them. Under separate cover, through our bank we are sending you a check for 735 Finnish Marks, which I trust will reach you in due course.

May I offer you my compliments on your success with the medal of Hans Christian Andersen which we find very charming. We are also glad to have the medal of Sven Hedin. Mr. Schulze added two medals to those he was sending on your behalf and these too we are keeping, although such additions sometimes complicate things unduly.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

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Rademachers, Hans H.